

Art Unit: 3724

1. Claims 1 and 12 have been found to be allowable. As per paragraph 2 of the restriction requirement, groups I-VII are hereby rejoined.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

At the end of paragraph [0001] on page one of the specification, after "2001", the following has been inserted;--, still pending--.

On line 1 of claim 11, "OLE_LINK2" has been deleted.

On lines ⁴~~5~~ and ⁵~~6~~ of claim 11, "-OLE_LINK2" has been deleted.

In claim 12, 4 lines from the end, "moving said scrap" has been changed to --maintaining said scrap--.

Non-elected claim 19 has been cancelled.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The patent to Pacher shows many of the claimed features but the steady blade is not a separate element, the scrap support is not elastic, and the trimming edge is not oblique. Margedant show the steady blade as a separate element, but has no scrap support and the trimming edge is not oblique. Weisser and Li have similar shortcomings. Numerous patents in Applicant's IDS show elastic scrap supports, but